



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/831,861

Applicant: K. Hara et al.
Filed: August 6, 2001
TC/A.U. 3727
Examiner J. Moy
Docket No. KIN48USA
Customer No. 00270

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicants request an extension of time to respond to the Official action of February 11, 2004, so that the deadline for response is extended from May 11, 2004 to Monday, June 14, 2004. Because Friday, June 11, was a federal holiday, it is believed that a month's extension is sufficient. Our check for a month's extension fee, and the response, are enclosed. Please grant the necessary extension, and charge any deficiency in the extension fee or credit any overpayment to our deposit account 08-3040.

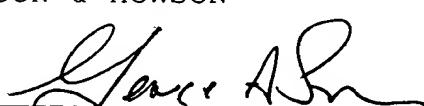
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Enclosures:

- (a) response
- (b) extension fee